

Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims supercedes and replaces all prior versions.

1. (Twice Amended) A method for verifying a renewal of a filled prescription provided by a member health care provider for a patient which can be filled through any one of a variety of member pharmacies with the member health care provider being associated with a computer system having a web browser and each member pharmacy having a computer system with a web browser, comprising the steps of:

providing a host system established as a website communicating with the Internet and available for login by member pharmacies and member health care providers, the host system including ~~a plurality of records~~ for a plurality of patients, each of the records containing prescription information ~~for a plurality of patients, a unique identification code generated by the host system identifying each prescription information, including~~ a unique health care provider code identifying the member health care provider who prescribed the prescription, and a patient code uniquely identifying ~~a patient~~ the patient receiving the prescription, at least some of the records containing prescription information being indicative of filled prescriptions, ~~the records containing prescription information being available to all member pharmacies and member health care providers;~~

providing electronically a prescription renewal screen by the host system to a

~~pharmacy~~computer system associated with one of the member pharmacies, the prescription renewal screen being associated with a previously filled prescription; receiving, by the host system via the internet, renewal request information from the ~~pharmacy system~~ computer system associated with one of the member pharmacies, the renewal request information identifying a requested renewal of the previously filled prescription; transmitting, by the host system via the internet, the renewal request information through the host system to a ~~health care provider~~ computer system associated with a the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system such that the renewal request information is loaded within the web browser of the computer system and perceived by the health care provider; receiving, by the host system via the internet, an authorization from the ~~health care provider system~~ computer system associated with the health care provider authorizing the requested renewal of the previously filled prescription; transmitting, by the host system via the internet, the authorization to ~~the pharmacy system~~ a computer system associated with the member pharmacy from which the renewal request originated, the authorization being loaded within the web browser of the computer system whereby the pharmacist associated with the pharmacy system is authorized to provide the requested renewal of the previously filled prescription to the patient.

Claims 2-3 (canceled)

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of outputting a report to a computer associated with a user other than a member health care provider or a member pharmacy.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the user is associated with a governmental entity.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein the user is associated with an insurance company.
7. The method of claim 4, wherein the report is summarized by the name of the prescribing member health care provider.
8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of outputting a patient prescription history, wherein the patient prescription history includes previous patient prescriptions associated by at least one of a patient code, a health care provider code, and a pharmacy code.
9. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of determining whether the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system is logged onto the host system prior to the step of transmitting the renewal request to the computer system associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system.

10. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of notifying the health care provider that the renewal request information has been received.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of notifying is defined further as transmitting an indicator by the host system to the computer system associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system.

12. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting the renewal request to the computer system associated with the member health care provider is preceded by the step of delivering, immediately after the renewal request information is received by the host system, the renewal request information to a message box associated with the host system for delivery to the member health care provider.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorization includes a message from the health care provider.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the renewal is considered by the host system as a “new” prescription, and the host system generates a new database record for the renewal.

15. (New) A method for verifying a renewal of a filled prescription provided by a member health care provider for a patient which can be filled through any one of a variety of member

pharmacies with the member health care provider being associated with a computer system having a web browser and each member pharmacy having a computer system with a web browser, comprising the steps of:

providing a host system established as a website communicating with the Internet and available for login by member pharmacies and member health care providers, the host system including records for a plurality of patients, each of the records containing prescription information including a unique health care provider code identifying the member health care provider who prescribed the prescription, and a patient code uniquely identifying the patient receiving the prescription, at least some of the records containing prescription information indicative of filled prescriptions, the host system also storing passwords for verifying the identity of a plurality of member pharmacies, and also storing passwords for verifying the identity of a plurality of member health care providers;

receiving a login request from the web browser of a computer system of one of the member pharmacies;

verifying that the login request is associated with one of the member pharmacies;

providing electronically a prescription renewal screen by the host system to a the

computer system associated with one of the member pharmacies, the prescription renewal screen being associated with a previously filled prescription;

receiving, by the host system via the internet, renewal request information from the computer system associated with one of the member pharmacies, the renewal

request information identifying a requested renewal of the previously filled prescription;

receiving a login request from the web browser of another computer system associated with one of the member health care providers;

verifying that the login request is associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription;

transmitting, by the host system via the internet, the renewal request information through the host system to the computer system associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system such that the renewal request information is loaded within the web browser of the computer system and perceived by the health care provider;

receiving, by the host system via the internet, an authorization from the computer system associated with the health care provider authorizing the requested renewal of the previously filled prescription;

transmitting, by the host system via the internet, the authorization to a computer system associated with the member pharmacy from which the renewal request originated, the authorization being loaded within the web browser of the computer system whereby the pharmacist associated with the pharmacy system is authorized to provide the requested renewal of the previously filled prescription to the patient.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of outputting a report to a

computer associated with a user other than a member health care provider or a member pharmacy.

17. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the authorization includes a message from the health care provider.

18. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the renewal is considered by the host system as a “new” prescription, and the host system generates a new database record for the renewal.

19. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the user is associated with a governmental entity.

20. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the user is associated with an insurance company.

21. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the report is summarized by the name of the prescribing member health care provider.

22. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of outputting a patient prescription history, wherein the patient prescription history includes previous patient prescriptions associated by at least one of a patient code, a health care provider code, and a

pharmacy code.

23. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of determining whether the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system is logged onto the host system prior to the step of transmitting the renewal request to the computer system associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of notifying the health care provider that the renewal request information has been received.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of notifying is defined further as transmitting an indicator by the host system to the computer system associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system.

26. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of transmitting the renewal request to the computer system associated with the member health care provider is preceded by the step of delivering, immediately after the renewal request information is received by the host system, the renewal request information to a message box associated with the host system for delivery to the member health care provider.

27. (New) A method for verifying a renewal of a filled prescription provided by a member

health care provider for a patient which can be filled through member pharmacies with the member health care provider being associated with a computer system having a web browser and each member pharmacy having a computer system with a web browser, comprising the steps of:

providing a host system established as a website communicating with the Internet and available for login by member pharmacies and member health care providers, the host system including records for a plurality of patients, each of the records containing prescription information including a unique health care provider code identifying the member health care provider who prescribed the prescription, and a patient code uniquely identifying the patient receiving the prescription, at least some of the records containing prescription information indicative of filled prescriptions, the host system storing passwords for verifying the identity of at least two member pharmacies not affiliated with each other, and also storing passwords for verifying the identity of a plurality of member health care providers;

receiving a login request from the web browser of a computer system;

verifying that the login request is associated with one of the member pharmacies;

providing electronically a prescription renewal screen by the host system to a the

computer system associated with one of the member pharmacies, the prescription renewal screen being associated with a previously filled prescription;

receiving, by the host system via the internet, renewal request information from the

computer system associated with one of the member pharmacies, the renewal

request information identifying a requested renewal of the previously filled prescription;

receiving a login request from the web browser of another computer system;

verifying that the login request is associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription;

transmitting, by the host system via the internet, the renewal request information through the host system to the computer system associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system such that the renewal request information is loaded within the web browser of the computer system and perceived by the health care provider;

receiving, by the host system via the internet, an authorization from the computer system associated with the health care provider authorizing the requested renewal of the previously filled prescription;

transmitting, by the host system via the internet, the authorization to a computer system associated with the member pharmacy from which the renewal request originated, the authorization being loaded within the web browser of the computer system whereby the pharmacist associated with the pharmacy system is authorized to provide the requested renewal of the previously filled prescription to the patient.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of outputting a report to a computer associated with a user other than a member health care provider or a member

pharmacy.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the user is associated with a governmental entity.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the user is associated with an insurance company.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the report is summarized by the name of the prescribing member health care provider.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of outputting a patient prescription history, wherein the patient prescription history includes previous patient prescriptions associated by at least one of a patient code, a health care provider code, and a pharmacy code.

33. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of determining whether the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system is logged onto the host system prior to the step of transmitting the renewal request to the computer system associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising the step of notifying the health care provider that the renewal request information has been received.
35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the step of notifying is defined further as transmitting an indicator by the host system to the computer system associated with the member health care provider identified by the previously filled prescription stored on the host system.
36. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of transmitting the renewal request to the computer system associated with the member health care provider is preceded by the step of delivering, immediately after the renewal request information is received by the host system, the renewal request information to a message box associated with the host system for delivery to the member health care provider.
37. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the authorization includes a message from the health care provider.
38. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the renewal is considered by the host system as a “new” prescription, and the host system generates a new database record for the renewal.